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## **SPRINGFIELD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

**Damion J. Morris**, 26, of Springfield, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this morning to charges contained in a two-count indictment.

By pleading guilty, **Morris** admitted that he was in possession with intent to distribute cocaine on April 29, 2003, in Greene County, Mo. **Morris** also pleaded guilty to a forfeiture count of the indictment, which requires the forfeiture of any proceeds derived as a result of his possessing with intent to distribute cocaine. The forfeiture includes approximately \$20,804, which was seized from **Morris**' residence during the execution of a search warrant on April 29, 2003.

**Morris** was originally charged with possessing with intent to distribute cocaine in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 4, 2003, in Springfield.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robyn L. McKee. It was investigated by the Springfield, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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